UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Faith S. Hochberg

v. : Crim. No. 09-195

OLIVER CHUKWUMA, : <u>CONTINUANCE ORDER</u>

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Ralph J. Marra, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Seth B. Kosto, Assistant U.S. Attorney), and defendant Oliver Chukwuma (by Paul Casteleiro, Esq.) for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and as the defendant has consented to such a continuance, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- Defendant desires additional time to review the discovery made available by the United States pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a);
- 2. Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendants desire additional time to finalize a plea agreement, which would render trial of this matter unnecessary;

- 3. Defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance;
- 4. One previous continuance has entered, also at the request of the defendant, since the Indictment of this matter on or about March 20, 2009; and
- 5. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

16, 2009; and

WHEREFORE, on this 8^{++-} day of October, 2009.

IT IS ORDERED that the trial is scheduled for November

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period between the date of this order and November 16, 2009 be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8).

HON. FAITH S. HOCHBERG United States District Jud

CONSENTED AND AGREED TO:

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